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Proposals for Terminating KIBITZ-15 Net

SYNOPSIS: This dispatch outlines procedures to be followed in closing out the KIBITZ-15 net.

1. [] and [] will meet KIBITZ-15 and KIBITZ-150 in Stuttgart on 15 April 1953 and will lay out detailed plans for meeting with individual agents for purposes of debriefing, obtaining quit claims, cash settlements where appropriate, returning of equipment, etc.

2. In addition to KIBITZ-15 and 150 the agents to be terminated fall into two categories, namely the sub-agents of KIBITZ-15 (who will be debriefed by []) and those of KIBITZ-150, (to be debriefed by []). They are located in three sections of Germany--Stuttgart, Würzburg, and the Pfalz (with the exception of KIBITZ-221 who lives in Cologne). Following is the list of agents whom we feel should be debriefed. No other agents have had definitive contact with American personnel or facilities.

KIBITZ-15 Group

156 - Pfalz
161 - Pfalz
182 - Pfalz
191 - Pfalz
221 - Cologne

KIBITZ-150 Group

127 - Stuttgart
173 - Stuttgart
177 - Stuttgart
180 - Stuttgart
192 - Würzburg
198 - Würzburg
199/200 - Würzburg

3. [] and [] will proceed as soon as possible to the above areas to contact the various agents via either KIBITZ-15 or 150. It is hoped the task can be completed within the next four weeks.

4. We will approach the agents as cautiously as possible to debrief and obtain quit claims from them without arousing undue suspicion

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or concern on their part, or leading them to believe that we attach a grave import to their having worked for us. Furthermore, since they have been led to believe that they were a German organization working with American financial and logistical support, they must not be handled as if they were solely and directly American employees. We propose to ask the following questions in the debriefing process:

- a. How long have you been working in this organization?
- b. How long have you known (KIBITZ-15) (KIBITZ-150)?
- c. When did you first begin training?
- d. How many times did you come in for training and when?
- e. At which places were you trained?
- f. What sort of equipment are you acquainted with?
- g. Whom did you meet or have contact with while in training?
- h. What do your family, your friends, or your neighbors know about your work in this organization? Do you feel that you have in any sense been exposed?
- i. Is it known to your family, your friends, or your neighbors that you have had contact with Americans? Do you have a "pro-American" reputation?
- j. Whom do you know in the organization besides (KIBITZ-15) and/or (KIBITZ-150)?
- k. Were there ever any incidents that would lead you to suspect that you have come under any suspicion because of your participation?
- l. Are there any matters on which you feel you are not satisfied regarding (KIBITZ-15) and/or (KIBITZ-150) or the Americans?

5. We will then explain to them that because of political considerations, possibly pointing out the case of the Partisans, the only way that we can protect them from their own government or other friendly governments is that they sign a statement saying that they have worked with us and that they pledge silence forever regarding any portion of their previous work. We will explain that only under

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these circumstances will we be able to give them any assistance in case the organization should become known, or a specific individual become exposed.

6. We will ask them to bring all equipment with them to the meeting and this will be checked against issuances.

7. We will then give each agent the sum of DM 100.00 as a goodwill bonus, telling him that we appreciate the time and interest that he has given the organization, etc. Where appropriate, a gift of equivalent value may be given.

8. The problem of the disposal of KIBITZ-150 presents greater difficulties. He has worked for us the past two years without salary, receiving only such benefits as travel expenses, per diem, and use of a car. In devoting a large amount of time to this work, he has antagonized his boss, who seems to think he is lazy and incompetent. In short there is a good chance he may lose his job. It is proposed, therefore, that he be compensated as follows:

- a. Be given the equivalent of six months' salary (@ DM 500.00)--
DM 3,000.00,
- b. Be allowed to keep his Volkswagen automobile. This car has 105,000 kilometers on it, would be of very little use to us, and its withdrawal would certainly raise questions in his place of employment and community. In fact, if he loses the car he will lose his job, as he works about 45 kilometers distant from his home. The present estimated value of the car to us is \$150-200. We cannot predict with certainty what KIBITZ-150 or KIBITZ-15 will do in the future to implement their Messianic drive to combat Communism, or what their regard of the American Government will be, but we do feel that a settlement satisfactory to KIBITZ-150 will help take some of the bitterness out of the fact that the organization is being completely disbanded.

9. KIBITZ-15 has already signed a receipt acknowledging he has received his final salary for Stay-Behind activities. He should also sign an overall quit claim when his activities in both the Stay-Behind and REDCAP fields have been finally terminated.

10. This plan has the approval of German Mission Headquarters

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and will be implemented immediately. Subsequent dispatches will report on individual disposals and overall progress.

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1. Sample of Quit Claim To Be Used

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THUSMAS, a relationship has heretofore existed between the Government of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Hereinafter called "the Government") and of _____ (Hereinafter called "the undersigned") by virtue of the training received by me.

WHEREAS, the parties are mutually desirous of terminating their relationship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I _____ of _____ the person designated as the undersigned, for and in consideration of the payments heretofore made to me and for other good and valuable considerations, in the amount of _____ the receipt whereof if hereby acknowledged, do for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby promise, release and forever discharge the Government, its officers, agents and employees, from any and all debts, claims, compensation, benefits, demands actions and causes of action arising out of or by reason of the above mentioned relationship between the organization and the undersigned, or the Government and the undersigned.

The undersigned further agrees to keep and forever hold secret the fact of said relationship and any and all information which may have been obtained by reason thereof, with the full knowledge that any violation of such secrecy will subject him to criminal prosecution under HICOG Law No. 14, as amended, and the provisions of Annex A. - Title I of the Convention On Rights and Obligations of Foreign Forces and Their Members in the Federal Republic of Germany, and any other applicable laws and regulations. The undersigned further admits that under the provisions of these laws, any attempt to commit a violation of any article thereof is punishable by the same penalty as the commission of the violation, and may subject the undersigned to a punishment of imprisonment for any term, or a fine up to \$500,000. It is further admitted by the undersigned that any attempt to release, tell, coll, write or otherwise convey the fact of my said relationship or any information obtained thereby, or the presentation of any further claim or demand against the government or any of its agents under threat, expressed or implied, to reveal said relationship or information shall constitute the revealing or attempted revealing of military secrets affecting the security of the United States Forces, as provided in HICOG Law No. 14, Article 1, paragraph 2, thereof, and Annex A, - Title I of the Convention On Rights and Obligations of Foreign Forces and Their Members in the Federal Republic of Germany, and shall be punishable as provided by said laws and Conventions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at _____ this _____ day of _____ 1953.

(L.S.)

Witnesses:

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